

CH-788

1910

Lizzie Smoot House (DEMOLISHED)

Newburg, vic.

Private

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-788

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Lizzie Smoot House (DEMOLISHED)

other

2. Location

street and number 10735 Mount Victoria Road not for publication

city, town Newburg X vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Deborah Canterbury

street and number 10735 Mount Victoria Road telephone unavailable

city, town Newburg state Md zip code 20664-2601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 79 p. 26

city, town La Plata liber 2297 folio 256

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	4
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	4
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Erected circa 1910, the Lizzie Smoot House is a balloon frame two-story dwelling with one-story shed additions attached to the secondary elevations. The dwelling stands on 7.1 acres located on the north side of Mount Victoria Road in the vicinity of Newburg. The lot also includes a frame garage, gable-roof shed, and a shed-roof chicken house. The main block consists of a single room on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second floor, measuring 18' 5" in length and 15' 3" in depth. Original pressed steel shingles are found on the roof; an exterior brick chimney flue is situated on the east gable end, and aluminum siding covers the original weatherboard. Window have been replaced throughout. The interior includes five-panel doors and Victorian door and window surrounds. One of the buildings most notable features is the used of pressed metal decorative ceiling tiles throughout. The second story is accessed through a 2 1/2' stair passage on the west end. The property was examined as a result of an approved demolition permit in 12/2003. The property was demolished shortly after being surveyed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1910

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1910

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. While planters continued to rely heavily on tobacco cultivation, slave labor was replaced with various systems of tenancy or wage labor. Due to dwindling profits, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. In addition, Federal taxes levied by the "carpet-bag" government threatened landowners with the loss of their land. This lack of capital made it difficult for farmers to branch out into other agricultural and commercial pursuits.

Adding to the economic stagnation following the war, was the unpredictability of tobacco prices. Through the latter part of the 19th century, tobacco values remained depressed, insuring that the small tenant farmers and share-croppers struggled. Tobacco production fell precipitously following the Civil War. In 1870, Charles County's crop fell in volume to less than half of what it was ten years earlier, and in price from 8 cents per pound in 1869 to just five cents per pound in 1889. By 1909 prices had still not recovered, rising only to 7 cents.

The post-war period also marked the end of large farms. In 1870 there were 545 farms in Charles County. By 1900 that number had more than tripled at 1900 farms. Farm size continually decreased as large farms, containing over 500 acres, were divided. The most dramatic increase was seen in the number of farms under fifty acres, which more than doubled between 361 farms in 1880 and 728 farms in 1920.

The turmoil of the Reconstruction era continued in Charles County well into the 20th century. Because of these economic difficulties, population growth in the county stagnated between 1860 and 1920. The general economic decline, and later, stagnation that followed the Civil War is evident in the census figures between 1860 and 1890. By 1890, the number of county residents was nearly 1,400 less than in 1860. With little industry or profitable agriculture drawing new residents to the county during the post-Civil War era, many young Charles County residents moved away as they reached maturity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 7.1

Acreage of historical setting 8

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach N

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 79, Parcel 26.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning

date 12/14/2003

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city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Lizzie Smoot House

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of Title:

- 1987 James Farley Thompson to Canterbury. 7.191
1198/488
- 1971 Helen and Archie Wingate Jr. to Thompson
256/269
- 1955 James C. Mitchell to Wingate
115/187
1) 3 acres Simpson's Trappe
2) 2 acres
3) 3 acre (Lizzie Smoot lot)

Simpson's Trappe Lot

- 1920 Archie R. Wingate to Lizzie Smoot. 2 lots totalling A portion of Cherry Hill.
Buildings and improvements thereupons erected made or being.
36/233
- 1915 Alice Wingate to Archie Wingate
28/388

Lizzie Smoot Lot

- 1920 Lizzie M Smoot to W. Leslie Burroughs, reserving three acres, selling 123 acres
36/227
- 1910 Notley Simpson to Lizzie Smoot
21/486

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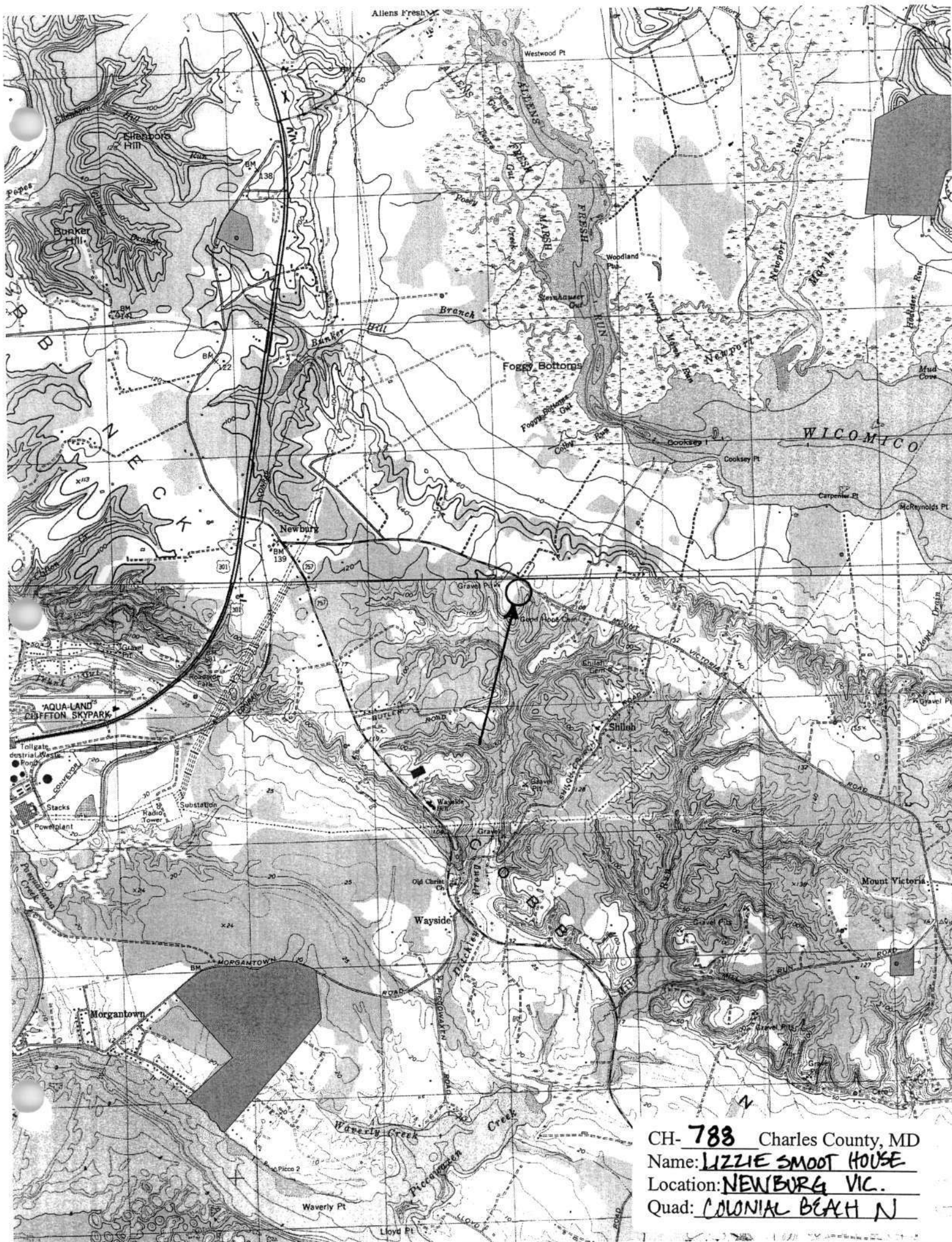
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Location: NEWBURG VIC.
Quad: COLONIAL BEACH N



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